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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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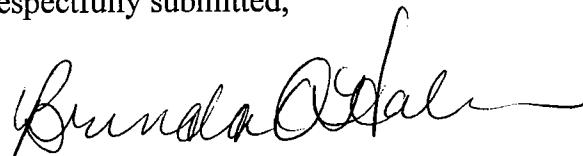
Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed March 16, 2007 included a statement of reasons for allowance. The reasons for allowance cite particular claim elements as not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. For example, the Examiner indicates that the prior art does not disclose “that the reservoir is fixed to a header pipe of a radiator or the larger header pipe of the larger heat exchanger by a bracket extends toward the other heat exchanger or condenser.” Independent Claim 1 recites “a bracket for fixing the reservoir to the header pipe of the larger heat exchanger, . . . wherein the bracket extends toward the frontmost heat exchanger in an area beyond the overlap between the larger heat exchanger and the frontmost heat exchanger” and independent Claim 8 recites “a bracket for fixing the reservoir to a header pipe of the radiator, wherein the bracket extends toward the condenser beyond an overlap between the radiator and the condenser.”

To the extent that the Examiner's reasons for allowance suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations are not found in the prior art and are present in each and every claim whether or not specific language to that effect is found in every claim, it is noted that "the record as a whole" must be considered as a supplement to the statement of reasons for allowance, and to the extent that the record is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all claims.

The Examiner's comments indicated that Claims 4, 6 and 7 have been rejoined and that "Claims 1-2, 5-8 and 10-11" are allowed. It is believed that the listed claims include a typographical error and that Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, and 11 should be shown as allowed, as shown on the Notice of Allowability.

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